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Depletion in stocks of salt in the fish-curing yards in South Kanara.

* 827 *Q.*—SRI T. ANANTA PAI (on behalf of Sri M. S. Mogral) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any depletion in stocks of salt during the fishing season in any of the fish-curing yards in South Kanara district in the year 1953;

(*b*) if so, when and how many times; and

(*c*) the action the Government have taken to present it?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) There were adequate stocks of salt in all the fish-curing yards in South Kanara district during the fishing season in the year 1953, except on a few days in five yards including the one at Kumbla where due to heavy transactions stocks of salt had been depleted.

" (*b*) There was depletion of stocks of salt in the following yards on the dates noted against each :—

	Number of days of depletion.	Dates.
(1) Thaikadapuram ..	13	25th September 1953 to 7th October 1953.
(2) Hosdrug	6	13th October 1953 to 18th October 1953.
(3) Adakathabail ..	3	29th December 1953 to 31st December 1953.
(4) Kaup	9	28th November 1953 to 5th December 1953.

" (*c*) Instructions have been issued by the Director of Industries and Commerce to Assistant Director of Fisheries to take timely action in such emergencies to move salt from other neighbouring yards to replenish the stocks."

Import of foodgrains.

* 828 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the quantity of foodgrains received for use in this State from other States or foreign countries during each of the years 1952–53 and 1953–54?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" A statement [a] furnishing the information is placed on the table of the House."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" At what stage is sales tax levied and collected on these grains that are imported? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" At the time of sale."

[a] Printed as Appendix on page 173 infra.